



NEWS RELEASE

**NELSON P. COHEN
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse • 222 W. 7th Avenue • Room 253 • Anchorage, AK 99513-7567 • (907) 271-5071

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, May 12, 2008**

08-64

**ANCHORAGE MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
ON A CHARGE OF BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, May 12, 2008, that Ronald Lambert of Anchorage, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage in April, 2008, on one charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment remained secret until agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Lambert and he made an appearance in court. Lambert was arraigned on May 7, 2008.

The one-count indictment named Lambert, age 23, of 4404 Reka Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Lambert, who is a convicted felon, possessed a firearm.

Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case. SAUSA Thoreson is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

###